In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, as follows:

Fig. 3 shows another alternative embodiment form of an electric hammer according to the present invention, whose design essentially corresponds to the one in Fig. 1, with a cylindrical piston 15 that is connected by means of a pin 19 to a drive element 18 embodied in the form of a cranked rod. The impact mechanism 12 is embodied as a pot-type piston 27; the pot-type piston 27 actuates a pot-type striker 28. A slider crank 23 is provided to transmit the force between the cam 14 and the drive element 18. The slider crank shown in Fig. 3 is a Scotch Yoke slider crank. A ball 24 can move inside the Scotch Yoke slider crank 23.